



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2857
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09062.0462

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Thierry JULIA et al.)
Application No.: 09/918,512) Group Art Unit: 2857
Filed: August 1, 2001) Examiner: M. Barbee
For: CUSTOMER-BASED) Confirmation No.: 4625
PREDICTION METHOD AND) Mail Stop AF
SYSTEM USING NEAR)
INFRARED REFLECTANCE)
SPECTRA OF MATERIALS)

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated November 13, 2003. The period for reply to the Office Action has been extended by three months to May 13, 2004, by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time. Applicants also enclose a Notice of Appeal with this Amendment.